CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows in accordance with the Revised Format of Amendments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

1. (original) A tag apparatus comprising:

a) a tag applying device;

b) a tag magazine connected to said tag applying device;

c) at least one tag stored within said tag magazine;

d) a tag positioning device connected to said tag magazine and said tag applying device; and

e) a probe device connected to said tag applying device such that translational movement of said probe device produces rotational movement of said tag positioning device and said at least one tag.

2.(original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a tag attachment device connected to said tag applying device conformed to attach said at least one tag to an object after said tag positioning device rotates said at least one tag.

3.(original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a scanner device connected to said tag applying device conformed to scan said at least one tag and record data on said at least one tag.

4.(original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said scanner device further includes a removable data recorder containing data recorded by said scanner device.

5.(original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said tag attachment device includes nails to attach said at least one tag to an object.

6.(original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said at least one tag is a flexible polymer tag.

7. (original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said data on said at least one tag includes bar codes.

8.(original) A tag apparatus comprising:

a) a nail gun including a nail magazine with nails;

b) a tag magazine connected to the nail gun;

c) more than one tag stored within the tag magazine;

d) a tag positioning device connected to the tag magazine and the nail gun; and

e) a safety probe connected to the nail gun such that translational movement of the safety probe produces rotational movement of the tag positioning device and one of the more than one tags stored in the tag magazine such that the one tag is in position to receive a nail from the nail magazine.

9.(original) The apparatus of claim 8 further comprising a scanner device connected to the nail gun conformed to scan tags and record data on the tags.

10.(original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the scanner device further includes a removable data recorder containing data recorded by the scanner device.

11.(original) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the more than one tags are flexible polymer tags.

12 . (original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the data on the more than one tags includes bar codes.

13. (original) A tree tagging apparatus comprising:

a) a nail gun including a nail magazine with nails;

b) a tag magazine connected to the nail gun;

c) a plurality of flexible tags stored within the tag magazine;

d) a tag positioning device connected to the tag magazine and the nail gun;

e) a safety probe connected to the nail gun such that translational movement of the safety probe produces rotational movement of the tag positioning device and one of the plurality of flexible tags stored in the tag magazine such that the

one flexible tag is moved into position to be pierced by a nail from the nail magazine; and

f) a scanner connected to the nail gun conformed to scan the flexible tags and record data on the flexible tags.

14.(original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the scanner further includes a removable data recorder containing data recorded by the scanner.

15.(original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the plurality of flexible tags are flexible polymer tags.

16 . (original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the data on the plurality of flexible tags includes bar codes.

17.(original) A tagging method comprising:

a) providing a nail gun including a nail magazine with nails;

b) connecting a tag magazine to the nail gun;

c) storing more than one flexible tag within the tag magazine;

d) connecting a tag positioning device to the tag magazine and the nail gun;

e) connecting a safety probe to the nail gun and pressing the safety probe against an object such that translational movement of the safety probe produces rotational movement of the tag positioning device and one of the more than one flexible tags stored in the tag magazine such that the one flexible tag is in position to receive a nail from the nail magazine; and

f) actuating the nail gun such that a nail exits the nail gun, pierces the one flexible tag and pins the one flexible tag to the object.

18.(currently amended) The method of claim 17 further comprising connecting a scanner to the nail gun, scanning the one flexible tag after the one flexible tag is pinned to the object and recording ~~scanable~~ scannable data on the one flexible tag.

19.(original) The method of claim 18 wherein connecting the scanner further includes providing a removable data recorder containing data recorded by the scanner.

20.(currently amended) The method of claim 18 further comprising adding ~~scanable~~ scannable data in bar code form on the more than one flexible tags.